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Election of 24 members of the Committee on Natural Resources

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By decision 1992/218 of 30 April 1992, the Economic and Social Council, recalling General Assembly resolution 46/235 of 13 April 1992 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, decided to establish a Committee on Natural Resources, which was to comprise 24 government-nominated experts from different Member States who possessed the necessary qualifications and professional or scientific knowledge.

2. In accordance with the same decision, the Council held elections for membership of the new Committee at its substantive session of 1992, as an exceptional measure (see Council decision 1992/268). The Council also decided that for the initial period, the terms of office of the members would be staggered by drawing lots, once the membership was completed.

3. At its present session, the Council will have to elect 24 experts for a term beginning on 1 January 1997. Upon completion of the membership, lots will be drawn to determine which 12 members will serve for two years and which for four years.

4. The experts are to be elected according to the following regional allocation of seats:

(a) Six seats for African States;

(b) Five seats for Asian States;

(c) Three seats for Eastern European States;

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(d) Four seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Six seats for Western European and other States.

5. The Secretariat has received a communication from the Government of China nominating LI Yuwei to the Committee, to fill one of the five vacant seats for Asian States. Biographical information is set out below.

LI Yuwei (China). Director of the Chinese Institute of Geology and Mineral Resource Information; member of the Council of the China Mining Association; member of the Council of the Beijing Geological Society; former Deputy Director of the Chinese Institute of Geology and Mineral Resources Information. Educated at the Geology and Mineral Exploration Department of the Beijing Geological Institute, and visiting scholar at Northwestern University, Chicago, United States of America. Author of numerous books, articles and papers on minerals and mineral resources. Delegate to various international conferences and meetings.